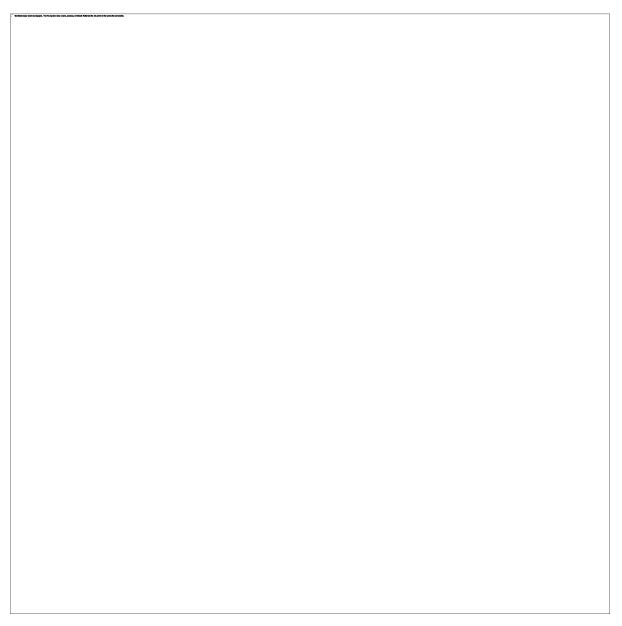
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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit will hear oral argument March 22 in a suit filed by environmentalists over EPA's rule allowing Clean Air Act regulatory exemptions for air pollution associated with "exceptional events" such as wildfires, a policy critics claim allows for unlawful increases in emissions.

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